(ii) The new bill is proposed to be introduced in the current session of Parliament.

Curbing private tuitions by Teachers

699. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private tuitions and coaching by teachers is hampering the regular classes, the teachers are supposed to take in schools and colleges;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or proposed to take to curb private tuitions and watching by teachers;

(c) whether NCERT has prepared a code of professional ethics for teachers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how Government are going to implement the code strictly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) Education is on the concurrent list and school education is primarily the concern of the State/UT Governments. The matter regarding curbing private tuitions by teachers is within the jurisdiction of the State/UT Governments. However, in case of schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the Board has discouraged the practice of private tuitions through its Affiliation Bye-Laws.

(c) to (e) The Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers was evolved by All India Federations of Primary and Secondary Schools Teachers' Associations and a group of educationists in a series of workshops facilitated by the NCERT. Later on, it was published by the NCERT in 1997.

One of the Provisions of the code of professional ethics for teachers is to refrain from accepting remuneration for coaching

or tutoring his/her own students except for remedial teaching under an approved scheme.

A conference of Teacher Organisations was held on NCERT during 5-6 February, 2001. As per the recommendation of this conference, awareness generation on the code is the responsibility of Teacher Organisations at State Level.

Stoppage of Shatabdi Express at Sirhind

700. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from various Members of Parliament for the stoppage of Shatabdi Express train at Sirhind in Punjab;

(b) if so, whether Government are actively considering the proposal; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The same have been examined but not found feasible for implementation.

Funds for track renewal

701. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR:
SHRI P. N. SIVA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of funds allocated for track renewal by the Railways during the last three years and the current year, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): The funds allocated (Gross) for the track renewal by the Railways were Rs. 1802.57 crores, Rs. 2042.00 crores and Rs. 2244.65 crores during the years 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 respectively. During the current year, the budget provision for track renewals is Rs. 2680.00 crores.